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NOTICE OF HISTORICAL AND PIONEER SOCIETIES IN OHIO.

By C. C. BALDWIN, Secretary.

For the purpose of preparing as full an account as possible of all associations in Ohio of an historical character, whether local or general, our Secretary in the fall of 1873, gave a wide circulation to the following note:

Sir: Will you be good enough to inform me, as soon as practicable, whether there is or has been an Historical or Pioneer Society in your town or county, and if so, when it was formed, its name or style, and who are or were its managers, what papers, books, relics or records are in existence and in whose custody? If there has been none, state that fact in your reply.

Yours, very truly,
C. C. Baldwin,
Secretary W. R. & N. O. His. Socy.

In case no response was made by the officers of societies or when it was presumed none were in existence, recourse was had to the County Auditors, to Postmasters and other public men of the counties. The following list and notices is made up from replies to the circulars and from all other accessible sources of information.

The spirit of historical research has never been a prominent characteristic of Ohio. In Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa—States which were organized after Ohio had been so long in existence that its history began to be lost—the Legislatures have by an annual appropriation, given their historical societies the means which are necessary to every enterprise of the kind.

In 1851 an effort was made to induce the Legislature to assist in the publication of a selection of documents, relating to events prior to 1803, when the State government was organized. But the first, and only money appropriated for historical purposes in this State was for the purchase of the St. Cla r papers, in 1870, which are now in the State Library, which was procured through the exertions of this Society, with the hearty assistance of Governor Hayes.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

On the first of February 1822, several prominent public men who were at Columbus secured the passage of an act to incorporate the "Historical Society of Ohio." The first meeting was to be held in Columbus, September 1822. In an address delivered before the Firelands Historical Society, June 1858, the late Hon. Elisha Whittlesey, stated that he went to Columbus "to participate in the proceedings of the society," that "Jeremiah Morrow, Duncan McArthur, "and many more worthy and distinguished pioneers were there, who assembled "in the evening, and a very interesting and "delightful conversation took place, about "the early settlements of different sections "of the State. Towards twelve o'clock, "he suggested to Governor Morrow that "it was well to call the meeting to order "and organize. The Governor concurred "but immediately reunited in conversation "with others, and somewhere between 2 "o'clock, and daylight, those who remained "in the room at that time separated without "an organization of the society."

The men of that day did not sufficiently value the record of their own deeds. The charter for this society is to be found in the local laws of the session of 1821-2, p. 47.

HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF OHIO.

On the 11th day of February 1831 another act was passed by the Legislature, the first section of which provided that, Benjamin Tappen, and twenty-nine other persons, from various counties of the State, named in the act, with such other persons as might from time to time, become members, should be "a body corporate, and politic, by the name of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio," with the usual provision as to the powers of corporations, it being carefully "Provided, moreover, that the funds of said corporation, shall not be used and appropriated to the purpose of *banking*." Among the corporators was Jared P. Kirtland, of Trumbull county, now of Cuyahoga county, gratefully remembered in the name of our sister society. "The Kirtland Society of Natural History," of Cleveland.

This society was organized, its by-laws being passed 31st December 1831, and the following officers elected:

President, Benjamin Tappen.

Vice Presidents, Ebenezer Lane, Rev. Wm. Preston.

Cor. Secretary, Alfred Kelly.

Rec. Secretary, P. B. Wilcox.

Treasurer, John W. Campbell.

Curators, Gustavus Swan, Edward King, S. P. Hildreth, B. G. Leonard, J. P. Kirtland.

An account of the succeeding officers will be found in "A Sketch of the Historical Societies of Ohio," made by James H. Perkins and G William Kendall, in 1849, a committee of the society, published in 1850, with the annual discourse delivered by Wm. D. Gallagher.

This society published in 1838, at Columbus, one volume printed by Cutler & Pilsbury, an octavo, of 111 pages, containing various addresses made before it, and other historical articles.

The President, Mr. Tappen, in the first annual address, alluded to the brief history of the first "Ohio Historical Society," and the purpose in the new society to collect material for the natural as well as the civil history of the State. The society, however, has always been strictly historical.

In 1839, part 2d of volume one of its transactions 1 vol. 8 vo. pp. 334, was published, a book of great value, containing Burnett's letters on the North West, since republished separately, and other valuable addresses and essays, one of them "On the Aborigines of the valley of the Ohio," by President Harrison.

Other addresses were separately published, among which was one delivered in 1841, by Col. Charles Whittlesey, relating to Lord Dunmore's expedition of 1774

The next meeting was held in 1844, and the next, which was in December, 1848, was adjourned to be held in the city of Cincinnati in February, 1849, when the members of the "Cincinnati Historical Society" were elected members, and a donation of the property of that society was accepted.

The object of this measure was to transfer the society from the capital to Cincinnati. Up to that time it had neither museum, library or funds. During most of the time annual addresses had been delivered at Columbus, during the session of the Legislature —some of which are of great value.

The officers of the society at its new quarters in 1849 were: President, Wm. D. Gallagher; Vice Presidents, James H. Perkins, Edward D. Mansfield, Charles Whittlesey, and the usual other officers including five Curators.

The society, to quote the report of 1849, now had a library of respectable size (4,000 volumes) and some very rare and valuable historical material, consisting of books, maps, charts, and sketches. A very valuable work entitled "Pioneer History," being an account of the first examination of the Ohio valley, and the early settlement of the Northwest Territory, by S. P. Hildreth, 8-vo. pp. 528, Cincinnati, H. W. Derby & Co., was published in 1848, under the superintendence of the Society, as the first volume of its new transactions. It was delivered in sheets to the Society, and issued by it in 1849; as appears from a Cincinnati paper of the time.

With it was given to the society, the manuscript of "Biographical and Historical memories of the early pioneers, settlers of Ohio, with narratives of incidents, &c." by the same author. This was published in 1852, with an appendix containing the journal of Col. R. J. Meigs, by H. W. Derby & Co., Cincinnati, 1 vol. 8-vo. pp. 539 under the auspices of the Ohio Historical Society.

The society flourished for a few years and finally became dormant. Its books and pamphlets were deposited in the Public Library of Cincinnati, and shared its fortune and misfortune until the society was re-organized on the 7th of December, 1868, and reclaimed its own room, the books then numbering about eight hundred, the pamphlets sixteen hundred.

The officers since that time have been:

Presidents — Robert Buchanan, 1868–9; Gen. M. F. Force, since December. 1869.

Vice Presidents—George Graham, Stanley Matthews, 1868–9; George Graham, S. E. Wright, 1869–'70; S. E. Wright, W. H. Muzzey, since December, 1870.

Corresponding Secretaries—Gen. M. F. Force, 1868–9; L. E. Mills, 1869–'72; Hon. R. B. Hayes, 1872–3; Robert Clarke, 1873–4.

Recording Secretaries — Julius Dexter, 1868–9; Horatio Wood, 1869–'74.

Librarians—John M. Newton, 1868–9; Julius Dexter, 1869–'74.

Part 1st, volume 1st, of the Society's publications, issued in 1838, had become very scarce, only three copies being known, none of which were in the library of the Society itself. In 1872 it was republished by the Society, and in 1873 the Society published, through Robert Clarke, in Cincinnati, a very handsome, large octavo volume, pp. 160, containing "Journal and Letters of Col. John May, of Boston, relating to two journeys to the Ohio country in 1788 and '89," accompanied by a biographical sketch and notes. This volume is offered by the Society, as the commencement of a new series.

The Society has in its varied fortunes been of great value to the State, and has in its publications preserved much that would now be lost were it not for its efforts. Its indirect influence upon individuals, and their contributions to the history of our State has been not less valuable. It has now an endowment of $8,650, including furniture, 4,645 books, and 13,066 pamphlets, and a small museum of relics of Indians and Mound Builders.

FIRELANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The next society, extending over more than one county, was "Firelands Historical Society," organized at Norwalk, Huron county, the 20th May, 1857.

Its objects are stated in its constitution to be "to collect and preserve in proper form the facts constituting the full history of the "Fire Lands," also to obtain and preserve an authentic and general statement of their resources and productions of all kinds." At the second meeting, 17th June, 1857, the following officers were elected:

President—Platt Benedict.

Five Vice Presidents.

Treasurer—Charles A. Preston.

Recording Secretary—Phillip N. Schuyler.

Corresponding Secretaries—F. D. Parish, G. T. Stewart.

Committees were appointed for each township of the Firelands.

The society commenced at once the publication of the "Fireland's Pioneer," and has collected and published in that form a large quantity of valuable addresses, township history, personal reminiscences, and other interesting matter.

The public interest in this society and its meetings has been greater than any other of this State. In 1861 it had had fourteen quarterly general assemblies, without missing one. It has collected a museum of relics and other articles of historic and antiquarian value in its hall at Norwalk. Mr. Benedict continued to be its President until 25th October, 1866, when he died, aged 91 years, 7 months and 7 days. He was succeeded by Z. Phillips. In 1838 the Corresponding Secretaries were D. H. Pease and P. N. Schuyler. From 1869 to 1875 the Corresponding Secretaries were Hon. F. D. Parish, Sandusky; P. N. Schuyler, Norwalk. The Recording Secretary, 1875, is C. E. Carrington, of Norwalk.

The last publication is volume eleven, October, 1874, edited by Hon. G. T. Stewart, of Norwalk.

W. R. AND N. O. HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Western Reserve and Northern Ohio Historical Society has its rooms at Cleveland, Cuyahoga county. It was planned in 1866, but no public steps were taken for its organization until the 11th of April, 1867, when several gentlemen met in the rooms of the Library Association, and the society was organized 28th of May, 1867. Its officers first elected were:

President—Col. Chas. Whittlesey.

Vice President—M. B. Scott.

Secretary—J. C. Buell.

Treasurer—A. K. Spencer.

Curators for one year, J. C. Buell and H. A. Smith; for two years, C. C. Baldwin, M B. Scott; for three years, Joseph Perkins and Charles Whittlesey.

Mr. Buell never acted as Secretary, and upon his resignation C. C. Baldwin was elected to the place until the 19th of October, 1868, when he resigned, and A. T. Goodman was elected.

Under an arrangement with the Cleveland "Society for Savings" and the Cleveland Library Association, the Historical Society has the perpetual use, at a low rent, of the third floor of a stone fire-proof building, erected by the Society for Savings, fronting the Public Square, near the Postoffice.

The objects of the Society are "to discover, procure, and preserve whatever relates to the history, biography, genealogy, antiquities, and statistics of the Western Reserve, State of Ohio, and the Northwest." Its purposes include everything relating to western history. It has been very successful for its age and has accumulated a very valuable property. It had at its annual meeting, 12th of May, 1874, 2,424 bound volumes, 3,385 pamphlets, 645 bound volumes of newspapers, 1,552 maps. It has also a large number of manuscripts, many of them of great value, and a fine collection of relics of the Mound Builders and Indians, relics of Bradstreet's expedition of 1764, Japanese and other curiosities. It has also a collection of copies of ancient rock inscriptions, made by painting the artificial chiselings on the rock

and pressing a cloth into them. Its library includes the most valuable and expensive books upon archæology, including Lord Kingsborough's Antiquities of Mexico.

In June, 1869, the Society made the first movement in the matter of the purchase of the papers of General Arthur St. Clair, the first Governor of the Northwestern Territory, by furnishing the funds to send its Secretary, the late Alfred T. Goodman, to examine those papers then in Kansas.

It has now (1875) a fair representation of the stone implements of the primitive races in Ohio and the West. Also some vases, pottery and copper tools of the Mound Builders, with relics from the valley of the Euphrates recently donated by W. P. Fogg, Esq., of this city, copies of the Vatican and Napoleon medals, and a good beginning on a collection of coins, and autographs. Our maps of the West of early date are certainly worthy the attention of geographers. Our endowment fund is about $10,000.

COUNTY AND TOWN SOCIETIES.

Adams county—None, (Dec. 25, 1873.)

Allen county—None, (Oct. 23, 1873.)

Ashland county—None, (Oct. 13, 1873.) The history of the county has been written by H. S. Knapp, entitled a History of the Pioneer and Modern Times of Ashland County, Ohio. Philadelphia: 1863. 1 vol. 8 mo., pp. 550. Another by Geo. W. Hill, M. D., is now publishing in the "Ashland Press," which is also expected to be put in book form.

Ashtabula county, Jefferson, county seat.—The Historical Society of Ashtabula county, Ohio, one of the earliest in the State, was in active operation as early as 1841, and Mr. Howe in his "Historical Collections," p. 37, acknowledges his obligation to it. It made a large and very valuable collection of manuscripts and some relics. The cabinet is at Jefferson, and a portion of the papers have been published recently in the Geneva Times, by Warren P. Spencer, the editor, who in 1853-4, was the last secretary of the society. Mr. Platt R. Spencer, celebrated as a penman, was for a long time secretary of the society, and the society owe him much for copying, collecting and arranging manuscript. The society is now dormant. Its remaining manuscripts, still of great value, were, in July, 1874, in charge of Hon. J. A. Giddings, Wm. C. Howells, J. A. Howells, W. P. Spencer, and H. R. Gaylord. These gentlemen at that time placed them in care of the Western Reserve and Northern Ohio Historical Society in its fire-proof room in Cleveland.

Athens county, Athens, county seat.—The "Athens County Pioneer Association," was organized 26th of December, 1868, and has held regular meetings till this time (October 1873.) The officers in October, 1873, were John Ballard, President; A. B. Waller, Secretary. It has a collection of biographies, early history, and books. The history of the county has been written by Charles M. Walker and published in a handsome octavo volume, pp. 600, by Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1869.

Auglaize—None, (Oct. 14th, 1873.)

Belmont—Never any, (Dec. 15th, 1873.) Sketches of church history have bean published in pamphlets, by Rev. R. Alexander, of St. Clairsville, and Rev. Dr. Crawford, of Moorfield.

Brown County—None, (Jan., 1874.)

Butler County, Hamilton, county seat—A Pioneer Association was formed in this county about 1869. The officers are John M. Milliken, Fergus Anderson, Dr. Falconer and H. S. Earheart. The society has no extensive collections. The biographies of the most prominent pioneers have been written by the late James McBride, of Hamilton, and published by Robert Clark & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio. "Pioneer Biographies, by James McBride; Vol. I., 8vo., pp. 352, in 1869; Vol. II., 8vo., pp. 288, 1870."

Carrol County—None, (Jan., 1874.)

Champaign county, Urbana, county seat—"The Western Pioneer Association," formed in 1870, composed of old settlers of Champaign and Logan counties, Sept. 7, 1871, met at Bellefontaine. A committee was appointed to collect, arrange and prepare the material for a pioneer history of these counties; Committee, Dr. B. S. Brown, Dr. Thomas Cowgill and Joshua Antrim. The work is being published as "Antrim's History," ($3 per vol., 400 to 500 pp.) Mr. Antrim's address is East Liberty, Logan Co., O.

The society has records, relics, &c., in the custody of its secretary, T. S. McFarland, of Concord, Champaign county. President, J. M. Glover, of West Liberty, Ohio.

Clark county, Springfield—"The Clark County Pioneer Society" was organized on the 7th of June, 1870, and had monthly meetings for two years, but has ceased to meet regularly; A. Bassett, President; John Ludlow. Vice President; James S. Austin, Treasurer. It has no property. Papers have been published by members of the society, furnishing sketches of Springfield and Clarke county from 1796 to 1828. This society is called in vol. 9 of the Fireland Pioneer, "The Mad River Valley Pioneer and Historical Association." The address delivered at its organization, 2d of May, 1870, is contained in that volume. It has held no meeting for some years. (1874.)

Clermont county, Batavia, April 3d, 1874.—Has never had a society. Some years ago

R. W. Clarke, Esq., commenced a history the county, which was interrupted by his death about 1872.

Clinton county—None, October 27th, 1873.

Columbiana county—The Columbiana Pioneer Association and Historical Society was organized in 1870. It holds annual meetings in September with a dinner and celebration.

President—H. H. Gregg, New Lisbon.

Vice President—W. D. Hinkle. Salem.

Secretary—P. C. Young, New Lisbon.

Treasurer—John Frost, New Lisbon.

Has published several old newspaper records; biographies, &c.

Coshocton county—Never any, (Oct. 1st, 1873.)

Crawford county—A society called the "Crawford County Pioneer Society" was attempted some years ago. Its existence was so ephemeral that it did nothing whatever. (Oct. 13, 1873.)

Cuyahoga County, Cleveland—The "Historical Society of Cuyahoga County," was founded in 1857, and the organization was completed 15th February 1858. The officers were: President, Leonard Case, with a Vice President in every town in the county; John Barr, Secretary; a committee was appointed for each township to preserve the local history; of which committee the Vice President for that township, was the chairman. A grand picnic was held at Newburg, 20th October, 1858, at which it is estimated five thousand persons were present. Hon. R. P. Spalding, of Cleveland, delivered the address. The celebration was very successful. The 13th June, 1860, a second celebration was held in the same town, which was in every way as successful as the first. Col. Charles Whittlesey, of Cleveland, delivered the address. The Rebellion broke up the association. An attempt was made to revive it in 1870, which utterly failed. The papers of the society are in the possession of the Western Reserve & Northern Ohio Historical Society. The local history of most of the towns was presented to the society and published in the Cleveland papers.

Darke county, Greenville—"Darke County Pioneer Association" organized 4th July 1871.

President—John S. Hiller.

Secretary– D. M. Stephenson.

Corresponding Secretary—H. K. McConnell, Judge John Wharry.

No collections beyond a few articles of local value (May 13th, 1874.)

Defiance county, no society (Oct. 13th, 1873)—H. S. Knapp has recently published "A History of the Maumee Valley," at the Blade Office, Toledo, which includes this county.

Delaware county—There is a pioneer society in this county organized July 1870.

President—E C. Vining.

Secretary—James McCoy.

The society has collected no relics or papers of especial value.

Erie county—No society, Oct. 1873.

Fairfield county—None, May 17th, 1874.

Fayette county—Has a Pioneer Society, which collects relics, facts, books, &c.

Adam Glaze, President, Washington C. H. I have failed to learn more (Dec. 16, 1873.)

Franklin county, Columbus—"The Pioneer Association of Franklin County," was organized June 2d, 1866. Officers in 1873:

J. E. St. Clair, President.

Col. G. S. Innis, Secretary.

Have records of proceedings and a number of historical sketches.

The history of Franklin county has been written by William F. Martin, in an 8 vo. volume, pp 450, published 1858, at Columbus, O. A history of Columbus, by Jacob H. Strider, 1 vol. 8 vo., pp 584, 1873, Columbus.

Fulton county—None (Oct. 13th, 1873.)

Gallia county—None (Oct. 23d, 1873.)

Geauga county—The Historical Society of this county was formed 16th September, 1873.

It meets annually at Burton, on 10th of September, and at other times on call.

Its President is Hon. Lester Taylor, of Chardon.

Vice Presidents—One for each township.

Secretary—S. Clapp, Huntsburg.

Corresponding Secretary—R. N. Ford, Burton. And a Board of Managers.

Its object is to collect the history of the pioneers and relics.

General J. A. Garfield delivered an able address on the discovery and ownership of the Northwestern Territory and settlement of the Western Reserve, which has been published in the county and other papers, also by this Society in pamphlet form.

The history of many of the townships has been written by General Pierce, and published in the newspapers.

Greene county—None, (Oct. 13th, 1873.)

Guernsey county—None, (Oct. 15th, 1873.)

Hamilton county—"The Cincinnati Historical Society" was organized in August, 1844. Its officers were then:

President—Rev. James H. Perkins.

Vice Presidents—John P. Foote, Wm. D. Gallagher.

Recording Secretary—E. P. Norton.

Treasurer—R. Buchanan.

Librarian—A. Randail.

It published in 1845 No. 1 of its annuals, containing its constitution, a circular, and an address by D. K. Este.

In 1847, Dr. Hildreth presented to it the manuscript of his "Pioneer History." In 1848 its President, Vice Presidents and Secretary were the same as those of the Ohio Historical and Philosophical Society for 1849. The members then voted to donate their property to the other, the members of this society having been elected members of the other. See account of the Ohio Historical and Philosophical Society herein.

"The Cincinnati Pioneer Association" was organized 23d November 1856, its members all persons who resided in Ohio, on or before July 4,1812,which time is since extended to July 1815. Its officers in 1873 were:

Pres. Hon. David K. Este.

Vice President, Nicholas Gorham.

Cor. Sec., Jeremiah M. Clark.

Rec. Sec., John D. Caldwell.

Its proceedings appear in "the Cincinnati Pioneer." published from time to time by its Recording Secretary. Its last celebration which has attracted my notice was held April 7, 1874.

Hancock county—None (Oct. 14, 1873.)

Harrison county—None (Oct. 21, 1873.)

Hardin county—Kenton.

The Hardin county Pioneer Association, was organized 9th June 1868.

Judge Hugh Stetson, President.

A. W. Newman, M. D. Secretary. Its members are all citizens immigrating prior to January 1840. Meetings second Saturday of June annually. Has books, records, and sketches of pioneer life.

Henry county—None (Oct. 10, 1873.)

Highland county—None (Dec. 16, 1873.)

Hocking county—None (Dec. 20, 1873.)

Holmes county—None.

Huron County, Norwalk—"The Historical and Geological Society of Norwalk Seminary was organized in 1842, to collect facts and incidents, relative to the early history of Ohio."

President—Rev. A. Wilson.

Secretary—H. Dwight.

It made a collection of geological specimens, but nothing historical. It lived but a short time.

For the "Fireland's Pioneer Association," which has its headquarters at Norwalk, see the account of general societies at the beginning of this paper.

Jackson County—None, (Dec. 24th, 1873.)

Jefferson County—None. There was at Steubenville for a time a society called "The Triangle," composed of three ministers, three doctors, and three lawyers, who met weekly to investigate literary, scientific, and historical questions. It had no collections, but kept a record.

Knox County—None. "The History of Knox County," from 1778 to 1862, inclusive, has been written by A. Banning Norton, of Mount Vernon, Ohio. 8vo., pp. 424.; Columbus, O.

Lake County—None. (Oct. 11, 1873.)

Lawrence county—None (October 10th, 1873.)

Licking county—Newark.—The Licking County Pioneer, Historical and Antiquarian Society organized May 1867. From the annual report made July 4th, 1873 and published in the Newark American of 11th July, 1873, it appears that the society has a library of 148 volumes, 127 pamphlets, and hundreds of newspapers and newspaper slips. Also numerous manuscripts, and a collection of relics of the mound builders, Indians, Revolutionary times and pioneers in great variety. The society has published eight pamphlets, devoted to the history of the county, and 107 pioneer papers, describing the works of the mound builders, the county Indian history, sketches of the the early settlers and pioneer history. It has been conducted with zeal and efficiency, and has in its possession the material for a systematic, particular, and full history of the county.

It seems exceedingly desirable that the society should publish in book form the substance of their papers. Pamphlets and and newspaper slips are riches that soon take wings and fly away. An account of the history of the county cannot but interest the entire State. An account of the works of the mound builders in that county which are so celebrated, would interest the world.

Enough appears in the report of the Secretary to show that the book would be one of romantic interest.

During the year ending 4th of July, 1873, the society lost by death Hon. Wm. Stanberry and Dr. J. N. Wilson, President and Vice President of the society from 1867 to the time of their deaths.

The officers elected 4th of July, 1873, for the ensuing year were:

President—P. N. O'Barron.

Vice Presidents—T. J. Anderson, M. M. Munson, Daniel Torry.

Corresponding Secretary—C. B. Giffin.

Recording Secretary—Isaac Smucker.

Treasurer—Enoch Wilson.

Chaplain—Rev. C. Springer.

Logan county—There is a pioneer society for this and Champaign county jointly, a more full account of which will be found under Champaign county. Its President, J. M. Glover, resides at West Liberty, in Logan county.

Lorain county—In 1857 a Pioneer Association was formed, which in the fall of 1859, had a large meeting and an address.

It had an annual address on the 4th of July of each year, until 1861, when the war

stopped it. The meetings were large and interesting, and addresses good. The late Dr. Betts of Brownhelm was President.

The address of 1860 by Gen. L. V. Bierce is published in Fireland's Pioneer for 1861.

Lucas county, Toledo—The "Toledo Historical and Geographical Society" was organized June 13th, 1871. It has a small library, and some relics. Officers Oct. 10th,'73.

President—E. H Fitch.

Vice President—H. M. Bacon.

Treasurer—Dr. J. T. Woods.

The President was Secretary pro tem.

Madison county—None, (Oct. 14th, 1873.))

Mahoning county—None, (Dec. 6th, 1873.)

The Hon. Elisha Whittiesey and Hon. Frederick Wadsworth, both now deceased, prepared two manuscript volumes of the local history and biography of this County.

Marion county—None, (Oct. 17th, 1873.)

Medina county—None.

"The Pioneer History of Medina county," appears in a 12-mo vol. pp. 221, published in Medina in 1861, by the author, N. B. Northrop, of that place.

Meigs County—None, (Oct. 14th, 1873.)

Mercer County—None, (Oct. 24th, 1873,) but some talk of organizing one.

Miami County—None, (Oct. 21st, 1873.)

Monroe County—None, (Oct. 15th, 1873.)

Montgomery County, Dayton—"The Montgomery County Pioneer Association," was organized November, 1867. George B. Holt, now deceased, was its President. Its President in October, 1873, was Henry L. Brown. It has no collection of books or papers except such records as are usual in such societies. It was visited by the Cincinnati Pioneers in September, 1873. The very interesting addresses are to be found in "Cincinnati Pioneer," No. 2, published by John D. Caldwell, Secretary of the Cincinnati Society.

Morgan County—None, (Dec. 18, 1873.)

Morrow County—None, (Nov. 3d, 1873.)

Muskingum County—None, (Oct.20th,'73.)

Noble County—None, (Oct. 26th, 1873.)

Ottawa County—None. (Oct. 15th, 1873.)

Paulding County—None,(Oct. 15th, 1873.)

Perry County—None, (1873.)

Pickaway County, Circleville—The "Pickaway County Historical and Pioneer Association" was formed January, 1873.

President—Dr Wayne Griswold, deceased.

Secretary—Alfred Williams.

It has no library or relics. There was published at Circleville in 1873, a very interesting and pertinent address delivered by its secretary. 8 mo. 14 pp.

The objects of the society are stated to be: 1st. The collection of material for the historian. 2d. The promotion of social intercourse among the pioneers of the county.

Pike county—None, (April 9, 1874.

Portage county—None, Oct. 18, 1873.

General L. V. Bierce, of Akron, has written the history of all the townships of the county which has been published in the county papers.

Preble county—The Pioneer Association of Preble county was formed about 1868, and many sketches and reminiscences were collected.

President—Henry Kerling.

Secretary—Jesse B. Stephens.

The president, secretary, and many old settlers died, and the society ceased to exist.

A. Haines, Sr., of Eaton, has written an outline sketch of the early courts, of the early settlers of the township, of mound builders, &c., published in the county papers.

Putnam county—None, (Dec. 16, 1873.)

Richland county, Mansfield—"Richland County Historical Society," organized 21st October, 1869.

President—Alexander C. Welch.

A Vice President for each township.

Recorder—Henry C. Hedges.

Secretary—General R. Brinkerhoff.

The society has no general collection. General Brinkerhoff has published from time to time in the county papers sketches of its history, which should be published in more permanent form.

Ross county, Chillicothe—The Logan Historical Society was formed 28th of July, 1841.

President—Felix Renick.

Secretary—John S. Williams.

In 1849, Messrs. James H. Perkins and George Kendall state that an attempt was then being made to revive the society. It seems to have been unsuccessful. The existence of the society led to the following well known and valuable publication: The American Pioneer, a monthly periodical devoted to the objects of the Logan Historical Society, edited and published by John S. Williams. It commenced January, 1842, the last number, closing the second volume, was issued October, 1843.

"The Pioneer History of Ross County, Ohio," is a collection of township and biographical sketches of Isaac J. Finley and Rufus Putnam. 1 vol., 8vo.. pp. 148. Cincinnati. 1871.

Sandusky county—Preliminary steps, but 13th Dec. 1873 organization not perfected, says Rev. E. Bushnell, &c.

Gov. R. B. Hayes, Fremont 13th Dec. 1873, expects the society to organize in June.

Have preserved various addresses and newspaper articles.

Scioto county—"The Pioneer Association of the State of Ohio," was organized 24th April 1873.

President, Eli Glover,

Secretary, Thomas S. Hall.

Treasurer, Col. R. Kinney.

No papers except a muster roll, 1809 to 1812, in the hands of the President.

Seneca county, Tiffin—"Seneca county Pioneer and Historical Society," Officers in 1870:

President, Dr. Henry Kuhn.

Sec. and Biographer, W. Lang.

Treasurer, Lyman White.

Some account of the society will be found in Knapp's History of the Maumee valley, pp. 493 to 497.

"The History of Seneca county," by Consul W. Butterfield, now of Bucyrus, Ohio, 1875 of Madison, Wisconsin, was published in Sandusky in 1848, in a 12 mo. volume pp. 252. The author of that book has written "Crawford's Campaign against Sandusky, in 1782," 1 mo. 8 vo. pp. 403, published 1873 by Robert Clarke & Co., at Cincinnati.

Shelby county—None.

Stark county—None.

Summit county—None for the county.

An annual Pioneer picnic is held 10th September of each year, in Bath township, including pioneers of adjoining towns in Summit and Medina counties.

The Tallmadge Historical Society, in the township of that name, is collecting a very complete history of the township; was organized 24th March 1858, and the following officers were chosen:

President—Amos Seward.

Vice President—Sidney Edgarton.

Recording Secretary—L. C. Walton.

Corresponding Secretary—Andrew Fenn

Treasurer—L V. Bierce, Jr.

Executive Committee—J. O. Wolcutt and C. C. Bronson.

The society has 235 pages of records and a large amount of historical matter. Some of their proceedings have been published in newspapers and the semi-centennial proceedings of June, 1857, in pamphlet form. The history of the county has been published by General L. V. Bierce, of Akron, 1 vol., 12 mo., pp 157; and the history of Tallmadge, by Colonel Charles Whittlesey, 1842.

Trumbull County—None (1874.)

Tuscarawas county—None (Oct. 23, 1873.)

Union county—None (Dec, 13, 1873), but says my informant, the Rev. W. G. March, of Marysville,—"much needed."

Van Vert County—none 28th October, 1873. One was attempted 4th July, 1872, but the organization was not completed. It is contemplated to form one.

Vinton County—none (December 17th, 73)

Warren County—none (December 15th, 1873.)

Washington County—Marietta.—The Marietta Historical Association was formed 24th November, 1841, "expecting," says Hon. D. K. Lete in his address before referred to, "a hope to do its share in the preparation of Western History." The officers according to to the Cincinnati report, were:

President—Ephraim Cutler.

Vice President—Arius Nye.

Corresponding Secretary—Caleb Emerson.

Recording Secretary—Arius S. Nye.

Curators—William R. Putnam, John Mills, A. T. Nye.

It made collections embracing 150 volumes, some volumes of old newspapers, and manuscripts. It was apparently expected to make some publications, but the society long ago disbanded, and its collections are scattered.

"The Pioneer Association of Washington county, Ohio," was organized 22d February, 1869—Objects, social intercourse, personal narratives, and any other information valuable to the history of the county or State.

At the annual meeting 7th April, 1874, the following officers were elected:

President—Wm. R Putnam, (grandson of Gen. Rufus Putnam.)

Vice President—E. S. McIntosh.

Secretary—Wm. F. Curtis.

Corresponding Secretary—A. T. Nye, with a treasurer and an executive committee.

Wayne county, Wooster—The Wooster Historical Society was organized at the Court House, in a citizens meeting Nov. 19th, 1875, and the following were elected:

President—Constant Lake.

Vice President—John McClellan.

Treasurer—S. R. Bonewitz.

Recording Secretary—Benjamin Eason.

Corresponding Secretary—Thomas Woodland, with an executive committee and an historian, Benjamin Douglass.

Its specific purpose is to collect all suitable material for, and publish in a book form a complete history of the county. Its collections are, in February, 1874, about complete, and the manuscript is nearly ready for the publisher.

Benjamin Eason (February 1874) the recording secretary, gives me the foregoing information.

Williams county—There was an old settlers association formed in 1860 or 1861. The war coming on the association was dropped.

Wood county—None.

Wyandot county—None.

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